

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
Pursuant to P.A. 331 of 2006
Section 608
GPS Electronic Tether Program

Section 608 of 2006 P.A. 331 requires that the Department of Corrections provide a report for the GPS electronic tether program, including information on:

- The number and rate of parolee technical violations, including specifying failures due to committing a new crime that is uncharged but leads to parole termination.
- The number and rate of parole violators with new sentences.

GPS Electronic Tether Program

The Department of Corrections has expanded the use of electronic monitoring (EM) technology to include Global Positioning Systems (GPS). The use of GPS monitoring allows for the tracking of parolee movement to determine compliance with supervision plans. To balance public safety interests and available resources, parolees released from prison on or after January 8, 2007, whose current offense requires registration under the Sex Offender Registration Act, shall be monitored on some form of electronic monitoring whenever practical.

The GPS Electronic Tether Program stipulates that when GPS monitoring is appropriate, it is to be used for a minimum of twelve months before the parolee is eligible for consideration of a step-down to standard electronic monitoring. Parolees that successfully reach step-down would be a GPS monitoring success. No parolee has been on GPS monitoring long enough to be eligible for step-down consideration making it misleading to calculate failure rates at this time. However, Table 1 breaks down the number of new participants, the number of terminations, and the end of month populations experienced by the program at this time.

Table 1 – Monthly GPS Electronic Tether Program Activity

	New Participants	Total Terminations	Successful Terminations	Unsuccessful Terminations		End of Month Population
				Technical Violation	New Sentence	
Jan	7	0	-	0	0	7
Feb	21	1	-	1	0	27
Mar	21	1	-	1	0	47
Total	49	2	-	2	0	